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Construction Activity High in August; Housing Starts Exceed Level of Year Ago

Washington—Activity in the building industry continued on the upward in August, according to figures released by the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

During the month, \$6,000 new work, permanent dwellings, was started. This represents an increase of 1,000 units over the July figure for housing starts and 11,400 above the level of a year ago.

On the employment front, the construction industry added 8,000 workers to bring employment to a new high mark for 1949. The number of men at work on construction projects was about 2,200,000, or 100,000 more than in July.

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August marked the fourth consecutive month in which new homes were started at about the rate of 100,000 a month. Moreover, home building activity during the summer, measured by the number of new units started, was at the highest point since January 1948. The number of new units started in August was 10,000, or 10 percent more than in July.

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Labor Leaders at UNParley

Washington—The National Labor Board today announced that it will hold a series of public hearings on the "free speech" question. The hearings will be held in Washington, D. C., and in various cities throughout the country.

The board stated that it was "convinced that the public has a right to know the facts of the case and to hear the arguments of the parties." It added that the hearings would be held in a "fair and impartial manner."

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AUSSIE UNION GROUPS WITHDRAW FROM WFTU

Sydney, Australia.—Another group of trade unionists from the Australian Federation of Labor Unions (AFLU) has withdrawn from the World Federation of Trade Unions (WFTU).

The group, which was known as the "AFLU Group," had been a member of the WFTU since its formation in 1945. It had been one of the most active groups in the WFTU.

AFL Urges Greater U. S. Imports to Aid World Trade Expansion, Avert Disaster

Washington.—The American Federation of Labor (AFL) today urged the United States government to increase its imports from foreign countries in order to help world trade expansion and to avert a disaster.

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Move to Cut Wages Held Strike Cause

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NLRB Curbs Attempts of 2 Employers To Distort T-H Law Free Speech Section

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AFL Unions Cooperating In Special Polio Campaign

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Federal Civilian Payroll Rising Despite Recent Economy Measures

Washington.—Despite recent economy measures, the federal civilian payroll is rising, according to figures released by the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

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CONK. AFL PRESIDENT BACKS EX-GOV. LEHMAN

New York.—The candidacy of Gov. Herman H. Lehman for the U. S. Senate was backed by the AFL's President, Walter P. Reuther.

Reuther stated that he backed Lehman's candidacy for the U. S. Senate.

British Union Leaders In Visiting ECA Group

London.—Two prominent British trade union leaders are included in the group of British trade union leaders visiting the Economic Cooperation Administration (ECA) in Washington, D. C.

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Manufacturing Jobs Up In N. Y. STATE, REPORT SAYS

Albany, N. Y.—For the first time in 6 months manufacturing employment in New York State has increased, according to a report by the New York State Department of Labor.

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California Federation Urges Boycott Of Private Disability Insurance Plans

San Francisco.—The 47th convention of the California State Federation of Labor Unions today urged a boycott of private disability insurance plans.

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CONK. AFL PRESIDENT BACKS GOV. BOWLES

Baltimore, Md.—The AFL's President, Walter P. Reuther, today backed the candidacy of Gov. J. Morgan Kousser for the U. S. Senate.

Reuther stated that he backed Kousser's candidacy for the U. S. Senate.

\$1,000,000 DAMAGE SUIT FILED AGAINST TEAMSTERS

New York.—Relating to a claim for \$1,000,000 in damages, the AFL's International Brotherhood of Teamsters today filed a suit against the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America.

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WHOLESALE PRICES INCREASE

Washington.—Average prices for wholesale goods in the United States increased 0.2 percent in August, according to figures released by the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

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TOBIN NAMES McDONALD TO HEAD REGIONAL OFFICE

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AFL IN NEW YORK STATE TO BACK LEHMAN IN RACE

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TEXTILE UNION WNS POLL

Chicago.—The AFL's United Textile Workers of America today announced the results of a poll taken among its members.

The poll was taken among the members of the United Textile Workers of America.